

## **Mackinac Bridge April Traffic Report**

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**May 20, 2003**

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 246,102 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of April. This represents a 6.3 percent decrease when compared to the 262,768 crossings during April 2002. Fare revenue for the month was down 5.7 percent compared to last year, going from \$649,797 to \$612,611.

Commercial traffic for the month of April was down 4.1 percent. Truck crossings were down 3.5 percent and bus crossings were down 23.7 percent.

Traffic for the first four months of 2003 is running 3.7 percent behind last year's pace; 948,064 vehicles versus 984,075 in 2002. Fare revenue in 2003 totals \$2,412,926 compared to \$2,472,694 last year, a decrease of 2.4 percent. Commercial traffic for the first four months of 2003 is down 0.2 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity has started at the Mackinac Bridge. This year's maintenance and construction programs include an \$8.2 million painting project, crossbeam repair, spot blasting, and structural concrete repair. Mr. Sweeney asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".